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***Ptilophora plumigera* D. & S. (Lep.: Notodontidae) the Plumed Prominent in West Kent**

On 11 November 1995 Bernard Skinner, Paul Sokoloff, Keith Palmer, Tony Steele and myself ran five light-traps at Shoreham for *Ptilophora plumigera*. A male, the sole specimen seen, was netted on a sheet at about 19.45 hours, some three hours after sunset. The trap concerned was the only one sited in the open and not under *Acer campestre*.

The most recent record that I am aware of for this species in the general vicinity of this site is given in Chalmers-Hunt (*The Butterflies and Moths of Kent*) and dates from 1955. The meagre results compared with the effort suggests that the moth is at low density or flew slightly earlier than usual. There were no large stands of *A. campestre* at the site and this leads me to suppose that the species probably still occurs at suitable places all along the Darenth Valley.

The evening was also notable for the late occurrence of a number of common species. Those recorded included *Carcina quercana* Fabr and the Barred Sallow *Xanthia aurago* D. & S.– IAN D. FERGUSON, 31 Cathcart Drive, Orpington, Kent BR6 8DU.

Migrant butterflies in south-west England

On Monday 9 October 1995, at 09.30 hours, I noticed a small butterfly resting in the shade on the side of my house. It turned out to be a Long-tailed Blue *Lampides boeticus* L. A few minutes later, as the sunlight reached the spot, the butterfly quivered its wings briefly, then flew off strongly in an easterly direction.

On Saturday 14 October 1995, I sat down for a cup of tea at Looe in Cornwall, when a Monarch *Danaus plexippus* L. flew across the lawn at 12.30 hours, flying onto the beach and disappearing in a south-westerly direction.– A.A. ARCHER LOCK, 4 Glenwood Road, Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon PL3 5NH.